This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin our journey through Lent. Lent is our opportunity to slow down, disconnect and practice the three major spiritual disciplines of Lent which are **PRAYER**, a private and public nurturing of our relationship with God, **FASTING**, a refocusing of priorities in our lives, and **ALMSGIVING**, an offering of our time, talent, and material blessings.

During Lent we also have an opportunity to take a minute every day to read and reflect on the daily Mass and spiritual readings and come together as a Christian Community on Sunday for Mass.

On our 40-day Lenten journey as we walk toward the Burning Bush on Holy Ground where God is present, let us take the time to slow down, take off our shoes, look around, and find our own Holy Ground, rejoicing in what we have discovered and let God fill us with awe.
2020 ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL

It’s that time of year for the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA). The parish goal for 2020 is $12,400.

The AMA kick-off began February 8-9. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal and help St. Joseph’s meet its goal. Brochures and envelopes are in the pews (or in the mail from the Diocese). Thank you!

FAITH SHARING SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Wednesday group will not be meeting on Ash Wednesday. The Friday Faith Sharing group will meet at 9:45 a.m. Please call Gary & Bonnie at 805-927-aaaa for more information.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. followed by Soup Suppers.

If you would like to participate in the Stations of the Cross by being a reader or Cross bearer or if you would like to make the soup for the supper one Friday, please call the parish office at 805-995-3243. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass at 9 a.m.
(At St. Timothy’s at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.)

MORNING PRAYER WITH MASS

Tuesdays of Lent at 9 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 4:30 p.m.

SOUP SUPPER

Fridays of Lent following Stations of the Cross

FAITH SHARING

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. & Fridays at 9:45 a.m.

LENTEN RETREAT

By Fr. Patrick Dooling
“Let God fill us with awe!”

He will speak during the Masses:
Sat., Mar. 14, at the 5 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 15, at the 9 & 11 a.m.
On Mon. Mar. 16 & Tues., Mar. 17
Mass is at 9 a.m.
Followed by a reflection
From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Confessions available on Monday

Let us Pray For the Sick: May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Jeremy Briscoe, Nancy Hansen, Trina Domenghini, Kathy Ingersoll, Patti Tooker, Larry Stayton, Judy Preuss, Sandi Tannler, Terri Cavannaugh, Christine Hart, Jack Dooling, Maria & Joe Pascoal, Glen Bennett, Cecil Marie Krause, Sonia DeCicco, Stacy Axan, Arleen Bartulski, Virginia Avalos, Kylitia Palmo, Peggy Grindrod, Frank Gutierrez, Mark Sigmund, Paula May, Innette, Ross & Duncan Starkenburg; John Lowry, David London, Jeff Adams, Sherry Braida, Abbey Heers, Connie & Alyssa Lopez, Kristy Moldrem, Carolina Gonzalez, Mary Marlene Greene, Ernie Gambellin, Enzo Keller, Betty James, Peg Jung, Zan Barr, John Paul Hope, Julia Thomas, Megan McAlpin-Sanchez, Joe Pollock, Alice Foster, Allen Beltrametti, Grace Poletti, Pat Doroski, Donna Pett, Cassey Schoening, George Bellino, Edward & Elizabeth Barwikowski, & Rita Marie Ayoob.
Next Sunday's readings:
Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-17; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Feb. 29-Mar. 1)
Sat. 5 pm: (5th Sat.) Lector: Jackie Sterios
EMs: B. Mazzacane, J. Edwards, J. Curti
Ushers: Arlene Dellfous, Tony Wisniewski
Server: Basil DuBois

Sun. 9 am: (1st Sun.) Lectors: G. & B. Nelson
EMs: A. Ayoob, D. Piwowarski, T. Planansky
Ushers: Carol Lowry, Loren Davis
Server: Monika Gottlieb
Coffee: Steve Semas
Hospitality: Anita Ayoob, Darlene Kelly

Sun. 11 am: (1st Sun.) Lector: Mary Moloney
EMs: E. Kiesewetter, Sr. M. Avila, S. Moriarty
Ushers: Joanne Riester, Anne Bennett
Server: Phil Kiesewetter
Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross
Hospitality: Margaret & Ed Kraemer

DECORATE FOR LENT
We need volunteers to help decorate the church for Lent on Tues., Feb. 25, after the 9 a.m. Mass. Help us prepare our church for Lent.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED
Boxed envelope sets are available in the hall for 2020. Envelope users receive a statement upon request for income tax deduction purposes. Those who are not currently envelope users may sign up for an unassigned box set.

WELCOME GET ON THE BUS
The mission of Get on the Bus is to reunite children with their moms and dads who are incarcerated. They will send several buses from all over California, full of kids and their chaperones, to visit their dads at California Men’s Colony for a very special day! The children get a bus ride, backpacks for travel, breakfast & dinner for the rides, & a nice lunch at CMC. The day includes an ice cream social, a bear from their dad, a “stay connected” bag, a photo with dad & best of all…a day of family time, healing, hugs, dignity and love. For many of these kids, this is the one & only visit of the year.

DEACON CLARK RUTLEDGE
There will be a retirement luncheon on Sun., Mar. 1, at noon at St. Timothy's hall in honor of Deacon Clark. Please RSVP: St. Timothy's Office at 805-772-2840.

MASS INTENTIONS
If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone who is living or deceased, please contact the office or pick up a gold envelope in the vestibule.

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church. For further info. call the office at 805-995-3243.